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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY GROUP (IPG) ON INTERNATIONAL  
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT: ARGENTINE REACTIONS

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1. EMBOFF INTERVIEWED GOA FONOFF OFFICIAL WHO PRESENTED  
REFTEL PARA 2 QUESTIONS TO OFFICIALS OF THE SECRETARIAT OF  
MARITIME INTERESTS, SECRETARIAT OF TRANSPORT, AND THE  
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE. IN RESPONSE TO  
QUESTION A, THE GOA IS PARTICIPATING IN THE IPG SESSIONS  
BECAUSE IT DESIRES A PUBLIC LAW CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL  
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT. ACCORDING TO THE GOA, ONLY A PUBLIC  
LAW CONVENTION WOULD SAFEGUARD THE EXISTING LDC SHARE OF  
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THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND MARITIME  
INSURANCE COVERAGE, ESTABLISHED BY BILATERAL AND OTHER  
TYPES OF AGREEMENTS. ARGENTINA'S POSITION IS VERY FIRM ON  
THIS POINT IN AGREEMENT WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN GOVERN-  
MENTS AND THE GROUP OF 77.

2. REGARDING ISSUE B, THE ARGENTINES FEEL THAT THE RESULTS

OF THE FIFTH IPG SESSION WILL DETERMINE WHETHER PROGRESS CAN BE MADE AT FUTURE SESSIONS. ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE THAT VERY LITTLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TO DATE, THEY EXPECT THAT MORE FLEXIBILITY ON THE ISSUES WILL BE DISPLAYED BY THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS AT THE UPCOMING SESSION, POSSIBLY LEADING TO A PLENIPOTENTIARY MEETING LATER ON. THE GOA IS PARTICULARLY OPTIMISTIC THAT PROGRESS WILL BE MADE IN DEFINING THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRANSPORTER AND DEFINING WHETHER THE SENDING OR RECEIVING PARTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSURANCE.

3. REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A U.S. WITHDRAWAL, THE GOA WOULD REGRET SUCH A MOVE BECAUSE IT WOULD PRECLUDE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN AGREEMENT DESIGNED TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. THE ARGENTINES FEEL THAT THE U.S., AS AN IMPORTANT MARITIME POWER, SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS IF THIS OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE ATTAINED.  
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